

REMARKS

General

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, where the Examiner has objected to Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 15 and 19. By the present amendment and response, the Claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections due to informalities. Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of pending Claims 1-19 in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 15 and 19 are objected to by the Examiner for informalities.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 13, 14, and 16-18 are allowed.

By this amendment:

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 15 and 19 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections due to informalities.

Conclusion

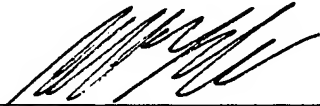
Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection of Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 15 and 19. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-19 of the present application are now in condition for allowance.

No Additional Fees for this response are necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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